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Number crunch: 470

The number of days between Major League Baseball no-hitters.

Source: <http://www.mlb.com>

Weekend Weather

Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
75 46 10%	78 54 20%	83 57 20%

Source: <http://weather.com>

Party bust leads to sanctions for Kappa Alpha

BY Aubrey Koscelski

The Greek Judicial Board recently approved the Kappa Alpha Order's self-imposed sanctions regarding the party held Aug. 25. The event was hosted by KA members at 341 Doles Boulevard.

Six people were arrested for underage drinking at the party, and three were arrested for providing alcohol to minors.

The fraternity was put on interim suspension immediately after the party, to stop that sort of behavior immediately until resolution of the issue. The suspension has been lifted, and a probation period from now until Oct. 15, 2007, has been implemented, along with many other constraints.

Former KA vice president and current Mr. GCSU David Fleming is compliant with the sanctions that he and his fraternity brothers now face.

"I feel that the sanctions that were given to us were fair," Fleming said. "It allows us, as a chapter, to understand the importance of our relationship with the school and community, and the rules that they set forth."

Kappa Alpha will be on social probation from now until January 8, 2007, and have to abide by a number of other sanctions throughout the overall probation period. The sanctions that will be implemented include an extensive

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Photo by Brittany Thomas
Barberitos, located in downtown Milledgeville, has extended their hours to feed the after-midnight crowd.

Barberitos stays open to feed late night cravings

BY Jason Hughes

Barbetitos, the downtown restaurant known for their burritos and convenient service, stayed open past 2 a.m. for the last few Thursday nights in order to feed the patrons who were still hungry after the bars closed down.

Though originally wanting to keep its doors open until 2 a.m. on Friday, the influx of customers was so immense that the restaurant stayed open until 2:30 a.m., closing its doors with people still in line inside.

"The place was packed out," said Taylor Cox, who was dining at Barberitos during the rush. "I ordered chips and dip so it didn't

take that long, but everything went pretty fast, even with all the people."

Benjamin Smith, a burrito maker at Barberitos, was dubious of the idea at first.

"At first, I didn't think it was going to be a good idea because I wasn't so sure that many people were going to show up, or that it would be worth the labor costs," Smith said. "But after the success Thursday night, I do believe it was a good idea."

In Athens, restaurants like the Pita Pit, Jimmy John's and The Grill stay open late hours to reap the rewards of the bar-going

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Though blind from birth, Brian Spencer is just a regular student

BY Devin Vernick

Many individuals have been given the opportunity to have a unique impact on the student body at GCSU, leaving a void to fill upon their departure from this campus. Few will be able to come close to being able to fill in for Brian Spencer. Spencer is a senior at

GCSU who will graduate this Spring.

He is also blind.

Spencer is tough to miss, navigating his way daily across campus using only his cane and uncanny sense of direction to get from Napier Hall to Front Campus. Despite how well he handles himself, Spencer's most noticeable

traits are his humility and sense of humor.

"I get lost all the time, but I've gotten good at faking where I am or where I am going," Spencer said. "Some of the buildings on campus, like Porter and Herty, have so many twists and turns that it's easy to get lost."

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pletely blind, and since that day, has never shown any signs of slowing down or being kept back from his sighted peers. Spencer ran cross country at Parkview High School, and among his many accomplishments, won the Panther Award, the

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Brian Spencer

A different beat



Photo by Will Godfrey

Lisa Wooten (L-R), Halley Belcore, Professor J.J. Arias, Jesse Brill and Rasheda Jones enjoy the hand drums in the Music and Theatre Department's Improvisational Music room during the weekly drum circle. The meetings are held Mondays at 7:30 p.m. in Terrell Hall room 122.

See the full story in next week's edition of The Colonnade.

Magnolia Park shuttle dispute comes to a head

BY Kyle Dominy

The shuttle conflict between GCSU and Magnolia Park came to a climax Tuesday, Sept. 19, when GCSU Auxiliary Services held an open forum in Peabody Auditorium to fully explain the situation to students.

"They (Magnolia Park) made promises to their residents that they would provide shuttle services; they made that same promise to city officials here in Milledgeville when they came up with the development plan," said Kyle Cullars, director of GCSU Auxiliary Services. "At no

point did anybody understand that to mean that they would run a 15-passenger van back and forth across the bypass to Bobcat Village."

Last week, Auxiliary Services released a letter that explained the situation. According to the letter, the dispute started in the Spring of 2006 when Magnolia Park advertised it would provide a shuttle service for its residents.

"We, Georgia College, made several attempts to coordinate with them to make sure that, whatever, their shuttle plans worked well in conjunction with our own shuttle plan," Cullars said.

An offer was made to Magnolia Park that they would be given two free spots on the main block of campus, one stop on Montgomery Street and one stop on Wilkinson Street, that would serve as the drop-off spot for Magnolia Park shuttles.

Mike Haun, marketing manager of Auxiliary Services, explained "free spots."

"By free spot," Haun said. "We mean an area where they don't have to compete with the Bobcat shuttle."

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Professor's illness causes confusion, class reshuffling

BY Sarah Ver Steeg

Spanish Professor Ivan Ruiz-Ayala is recovering after becoming ill during study abroad last summer, and his absence has caused some last minute confusion and rearrangement in the Spanish department.

Dr. Tony Alcarria, a friend and colleague of Dr. Ruiz-Ayala for five years, said Ruiz-Ayala became ill while he was in a study abroad program in his

native Peru. When Alcarria heard this, he said he was shocked.

"I always thought of him to be a very healthy person, (who) would exercise regularly and care about his health," Alcarria said.

Alcarria said that because of Ruiz-Ayala's absence, the Chair of the Modern Foreign Language Department, Roger Noel, had to hire a temporary Spanish professor.

"We were all teaching a

full load before this happened, and therefore hiring an instructor that would substitute Dr. Ruiz-Ayala during Fall semester was the only possibility, not to cancel his courses," Alcarria said.

Alcarria said it should be a smooth transition for students because the teachers would use the same teaching material, textbooks and

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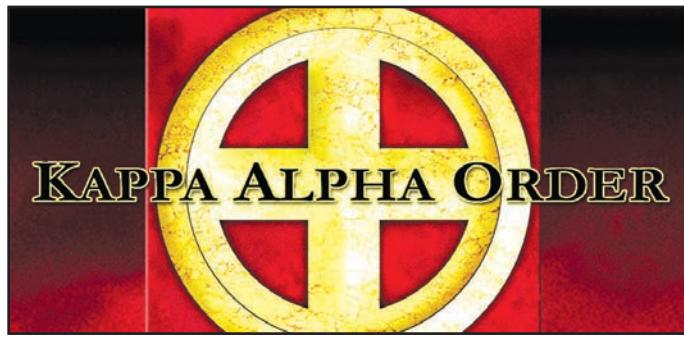
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alcohol education component, along with training current brothers as peer educators about alcohol. They will also be in charge of an extensive community service project, and in creating a fundraising project that must assist another organization outside KA.

Senior KA member and management major Ben Little is certain that all sanctions will be carried out thoroughly.

"I think that we will make it," Little said. "The sanctions that we imposed on ourselves will greatly reduce the chances of us getting into trouble."

Other components in the agreement state that the KA's will be hosting Greek Convocation, which will take place in the fall. Responsibilities include



providing a speaker for the event and taking care of all financial expenses included in the convocation.

In addition, any brother of the fraternity who does not maintain a 2.3 GPA must attend study sessions at the Learning Center. They will be required to check in and check out during these mandatory study sessions, which started Monday, Sept. 25, and end on Dec. 1.

Director of Campus Life Tom Miles says the fraternity is in charge of making sure that they do not get into any more trouble until Oct. 15, 2007. If any more infractions occur, the fra-

ternity will then be suspended for no less than three years, depending upon the act and sentence.

"No further violations will be tolerated by the university from this group," Miles said. "The university is very set in the fact that we do not want a repeated offense."

Although the punishments may seem harsh and extensive, Cale Sledge, brother and senior marketing major, is confident that he and his brothers will get past this.

"We are going to handle this like men and move forward," said Sledge.

the success of last Thursday, some of our employees have decided to step up and work the late hours."

Williams, a student herself, worked until 4 a.m. the night the restaurant stayed open, and then proceeded to go to work at 8 a.m. the same morning to start the day shift.

Autry believes that keeping the restaurant open will be a boon to the late-night population.

"We're going to be able to have enough people to work," said Charis Williams general manager of the Milledgeville location. "I recently hired one person who said they would work late every Thursday night, but with

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crowds. Until now, Thursday nights in Milledgeville meant walking to the Golden Pantry or Huddle House or calling a designated driver.

"We found out that students only had a couple options for eating downtown late at night," said Al Autry, regional director for the Barberitos restaurant chain. "We wanted to give them the option of a place within walking distance to keep people (who have been drinking) from behind the wheel."

For now, Barberitos is planning to continue operating until 2:30 a.m. on

Friday mornings.

"Right now we're taking baby steps, just to see the nights where the students would benefit the most," Autry said.

The restaurant is planning to expand the extended hours to other days of the week, and used the Thursday nights in September as a testing sample. One of the main problems with operating at such a late hour is the fact that all of the employees at Barberitos are students.

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Check Your Head discusses student depression, suicide

BY JESSICA MURPHY

Counseling Services hosted Check Your Head Day last Wednesday as part of a campaign to help promote mental health awareness. A partnership has been formed between Counseling Services and The GIVE Center to create programs that heighten awareness about college depression and suicide.

Michael Christopher, a freshman at GCSU, thought that the Check Your Head campaign was a good way to make college students more aware of depression and suicide.

"College students are in a new environment, and I can even feel myself stressing out, and it does take a toll on people," Christopher said. "I can see why it's important to help make these issues known on college campuses."

Jennifer Strole, a counselor at GCSU, spent the past year putting this event together with help from The GIVE Center.

"Planning for this started about a year ago," Strole said. "I read about Check Your Head in an advertisement, and I thought that it would be a good way to promote awareness about depression and suicide on this campus."

Check Your Head is a

subset of mpower, a national youth awareness campaign sponsored by the National Mental Health Association. Mpower works with emerging and well-known musicians to educate young people about depression, suicide and other mental health issues.

"The phrase 'Check Your Head' is actually lyrics from a Beastie Boys song," Strole said. "Check Your Head means exactly what it says. I thought students could catch on to this phrase and remember to evaluate their mental health."

Students were able to learn about Check Your Head during lunch hours at Sodexho. An informational table was set up with brochures, information on counseling services and Check Your Head bracelets were given out.

The campaign continued during Project Impact. The theme of September's Project Impact was suicide/depression prevention and awareness, and Check Your Head fit in perfectly with the theme.

"Dead Poets Society" was shown and Strole hosted a discussion. The discussion focused on depression and suicide, and information was given about warning signs, prevention and ways to help individuals

who are dealing with these issues.

According to the NMHA, key warning signs of depression and suicide include: social withdrawal, inability to cope with everyday problems, changes in eating habits, strong feels of anger, substance abuse, lack of enthusiasm and poor self-esteem.

Paul Sedor, assistant director of The GIVE Center, attended the event and helped discuss ways to deal with these issues.

"On a small campus like GCSU, people should be able to feel connected to others," Sedor said. "We should strive to make everyone feel welcomed, and to know that if they need help, not to be scared to seek it."

GCSU student Patty Maguire also attended Project Impact and thought the Check Your Head bracelets were a useful reminder.

"I am a forgetful person, and the Check Your Head bracelet will be helpful because all I have to do is look at my wrist and I will be reminded about depression and suicide, and ways to deal with them and outlets if I need help," Maguire said.

Ashley Ackerman, a freshman mass communication major, has never had to deal with depression or

suicide, but sees Check Your Head as a valuable resource to help deal with these issues.

"I can't really relate to depression or suicide because I have not known anyone who has had to deal with those issues," Ackerman said. "But I still feel as if Check Your Head is a good way to make mental health a top priority."

Strole is hoping that students will see the Check Your Head bracelets and ask questions about what they mean.

"I am hoping that these bracelets help spread the word about suicide and depression among college students, and also help them to become more aware about their mental health," Strole said. "I really do think that these bracelets are a good way to get the point across."

Co-sponsors of this campaign included Health Services, The GIVE Center and GCSU's Counseling Services.

Students can learn more about depression and suicide during Mental Health Awareness week, which takes place the first week of October. They can also find more information about Check Your Head at www.mpoweryouth.org.



Photo by Sean Carnahan
Professor Ruiz-Ayala became ill while on a study abroad trip in Peru.

Ruiz-Ayala

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syllabi that Ruiz-Ayala would use. The only difference in the courses would be the instructor.

Alcarria also said he has been talking regularly with Ruiz-Ayala during his recovery and he seems to be doing well.

"There is not a time we talk on the phone that he does not express his eagerness to be back in the classrooms in spring semester," Alcarria said.

Noel has also been in contact with Ruiz-Ayala and he said although he is in rehabilitation every day, the department hopes to have him back in the Spring.

"We're hoping he'll be back, not just because we need him, but because he is a nice person," Noel said.

Noel hired Adeline Rosales-Martin as a temporary Spanish instructor to help teach Ruiz-Ayala's courses. Because Ruiz-Ayala specialized in upper-level classes and Latin American cultures, not all of his courses could be handed over to Rosales-Martin.

"I've had to reshuffle all the assignments," Noel said.

Noel also said Jesse Hingson, an assistant professor of history, has been kind enough to take on the Seminar of Contemporary Latin American Culture, a class Ruiz-Ayala would have taught this semester.

This "reshuffling" has caused some confusion for students. Some of the

course sections that students had already registered for were closed, and the students had to re-register for classes at different times. Many students' schedules would not allow them to do this.

Emily Ballard, a mass communication senior, said that the Spanish four class for which she registered was closed. She got an e-mail from Noel telling her to re-register for another section.

The problem was that she had an important mass communication class at the same time.

"This is my senior year," Ballard said. "This is a class I have to have, and they're changing the time to a time I can't meet."

Ballard said a lot of students had the same problem she did, and because of e-mail feedback from the students, the department decided to open another class at the original time, but with a different teacher.

Ballard said the rearrangement caused her class size to be bigger than usual, but that did not bother her.

"I'm just glad it's at the same time and I don't have to rearrange my schedule," Ballard said.

Ballard also had some problems once Fall semester started because she was not on her teacher's role. She ended up going to the Registrar's Office for an add/drop form, and Noel signed it even though the add deadline had already passed.

"It did cause some stress and a little chaos, but ultimately everything worked out," said Ballard.

Bussing

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Melissa Olsen, property manager of Magnolia Park, said that they never received that offer.

"While we were leasing up," Olsen said, "the bus drivers and the people who work for GCSU told our future residents we would never be able to have a shuttle because we weren't allowed to have a shuttle."

Magnolia Park did not make contact with Auxiliary Services about its plan for shuttle services until two days before the start of the this semester, according to Cullars.

Olsen said Magnolia Park offered \$44,000 for the Auxiliary Services to add a Magnolia Park stop to the Bobcat shuttle route. That offer was declined.

Cullars said that the estimated cost of adding a stop at Magnolia Park is \$92,000. That is enough money to add one bus to the Bobcat fleet, a driver to pilot that bus and pay for the bus's maintenance. It costs \$306,000 to operate the entire GCSU shuttle service. The shuttles that run to Bobcat Village generate 42 percent of that money.

Every student at GCSU pays parking and transportation fees that amount to \$37 every semester, but only \$10 goes to the shuttle program. Olsen said that the \$10 entitles every stu-



Sally Smith, Jodie Aldridge and Christina Royster board the controversial Magnolia Park shuttle that will transport them to the official Georgia College Shuttle stop at Bobcat Village.

dent, including those who live off campus, to ride the shuttle to class.

"There is no reason for us to provide a duplicate service when the students are paying for that service," she said. "We have every intention, and do, provide a shuttle service for the residents."

That shuttle service is a van that drives students from Magnolia Park to the Bobcat Village shuttle stop across the four-lane 441 bypass.

Some Magnolia Park residents don't feel like they are getting what they were promised.

"It infuriates me," said Addie Andrews, a junior art major living at Magnolia Park. "I don't live at Magnolia Park, which is supposed to be one of the nicest places in Milledgeville to live, to get

shuttled over to Bobcat. We were promised a private shuttle, not a shuttle that will take us to another shuttle that will take us to class."

The students at Bobcat Village also have complaints about Magnolia Parks' use of the shuttle system.

"I understand that (Magnolia Park residents) are students also, and they have to get to class just as I do," said Eric Sanderson, a senior outdoor education major living at Bobcat Village.

"Part of that money we pay to live at Bobcat goes to the shuttle."

Cullars said that there are three offers on the table for Magnolia Park. The first is still the free spots on campus to drop off students. The second is paying the full price for the Bobcat shuttle to stop at Magnolia

Park. Finally, the third is continuing to drop students off at Bobcat Village, but Magnolia Park must pay a fee (anywhere between \$1 and \$92,000).

"I hope they'll see that it is very reasonable for us to expect them to pay for the service that, right now, they are getting for free," Cullars said.

Olsen said she sees the shuttle conflict as a way for Auxiliary Services to attack Magnolia Park.

"The bottom line is Bobcat (Village) not being able to lease up their property," Olsen said. "We have a phenomenal product, and they really can't compete. The issue is the fact that the school provides a service, and then they are basically discriminating against part of their students because of where they live."

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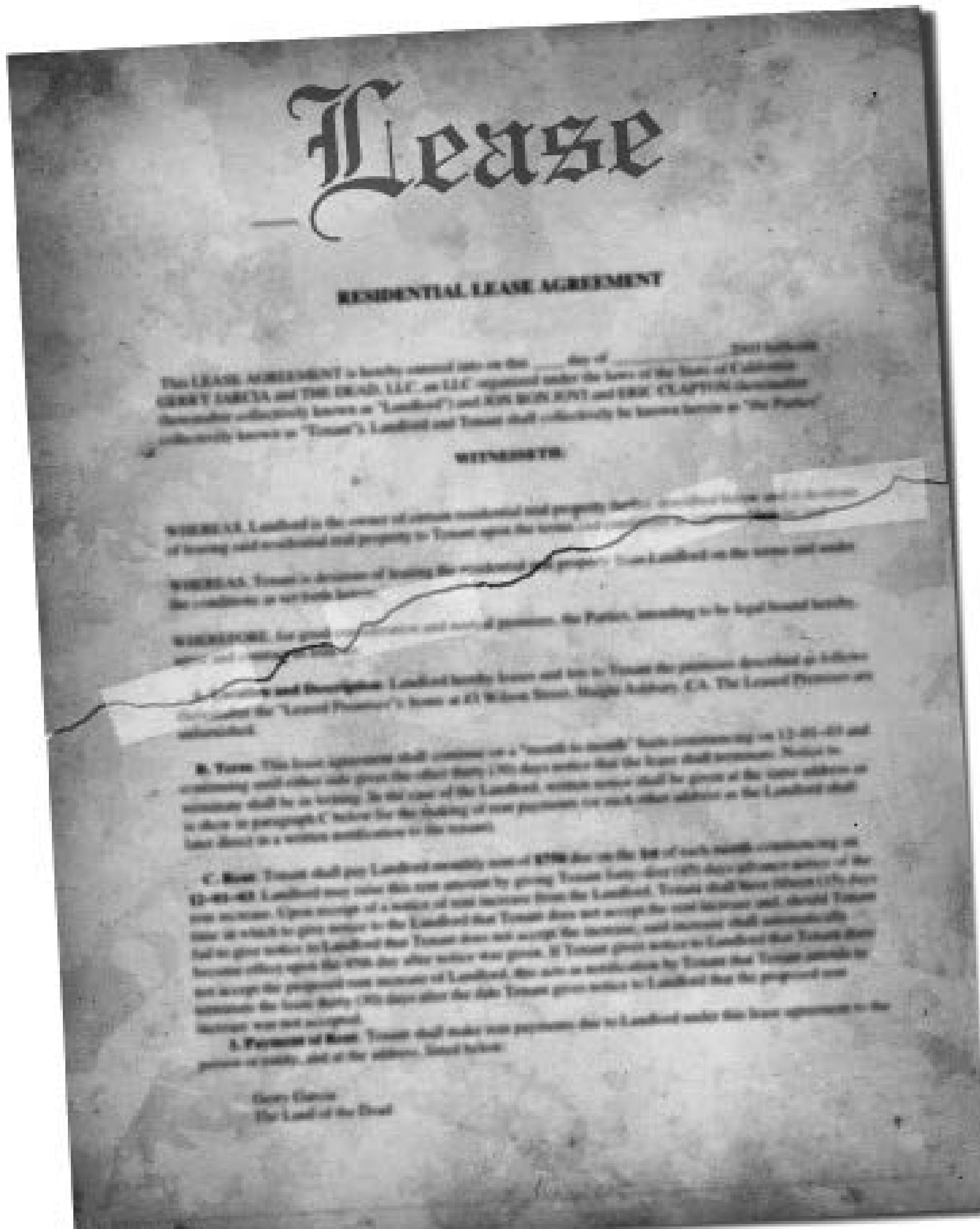


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(L-R) Kyle Cullars, Executive Director of Auxiliary Services, explained that it is unfair for Magnolia Park to enjoy the services of the GCSU shuttle system. Alissa Isom, assistant manager at Magnolia Park Apartments, and Jonathan Lupo, a Magnolia Park Shuttle driver, react to student concerns during the Tuesday afternoon bussing forum.

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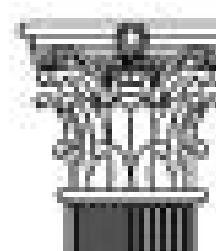
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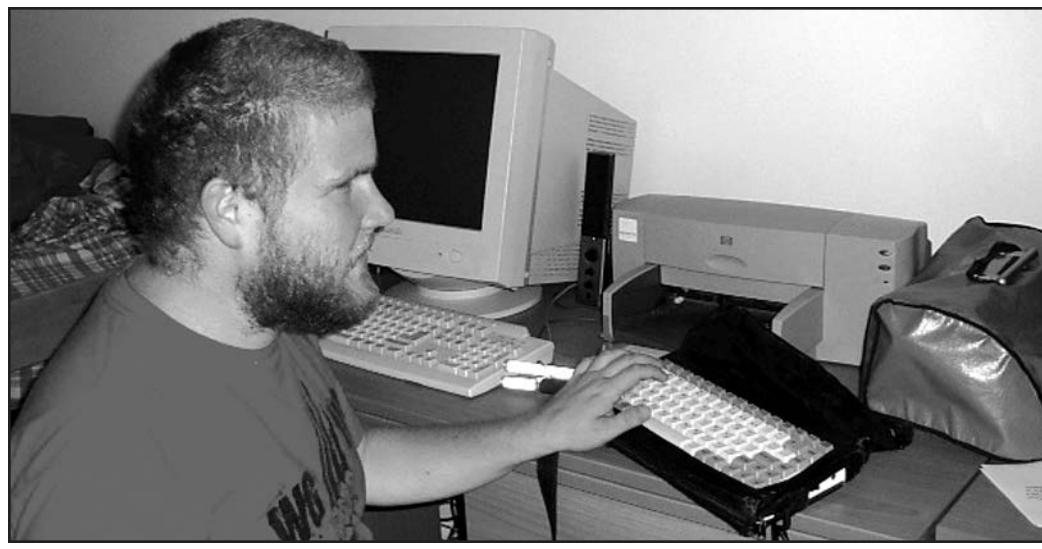


Photo by Summer Lamb

Senior Brian Spencer was born blind, but he has not let his physical impairment slow him down. He is set to graduate in the Spring.

Spencer

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school's top honor. He enrolled at GCSU in Fall 2002 and has been a noticeable part of the campus community since.

Colby Cameron, a senior business management major at GCSU, attended high school with Spencer.

"I am amazed by how humble and content he is with his situation," Cameron said. "It makes me think how so many people take their blessings for granted, and how he (with his disability) is so happy with life."

A mass communication major, Spencer is a serious sports fan and a regular attendee of the ministry Campus Outreach. He also spends a great deal of time encouraging his friends and family.

In Fall 2004, Spencer had an opportunity to host his own radio show on GCSU's WGUR.

"My first two-hour radio show was great," Spencer said. "It was something I had always wanted to do,

and had been dreaming of for 15 years. I can say that I've done something that I have always wanted to do."

Though remarkably self-reliant, Spencer has needed some assistance from friends and strangers alike.

"I have to have a lot of help sometimes," Spencer said. "I would love to be fully independent, but that's not the way it is. I have had a lot of help from family and friends."

Spencer has spent his entire college career in the residence halls, where he has gathered many fond memories and friendships. His current roommate, Alex Collins, was unprepared and not expecting to have a blind roommate during his freshman year.

"He is blind, but still does everything that everyone else does," said Collins, a biology major.

"He doesn't get stopped by much. It has been interesting living with someone who is blind. It's not something everyone else goes through. It's cool to see him walking around and saying 'hey' to him because he always knows who I

am."

Next semester, Spencer may be participating in an internship with the state's legislature, working under the State Rehabilitation Counsel, a government group that lobbies for individuals with disabilities.

The opportunity has arisen with the help of Dr. Helen Hill of the Office of Student Support Services. Along with being his close friend, Hill is Spencer's advisor.

"It makes my job worthwhile to see my students succeed in whatever they want to do," Hill said. "Brian has been very successful; he has maintained his Hope Scholarship all throughout school. I admire the fact that he does what he does, and I think Brian will be a success in anything he attempts."

Spencer is currently focusing on his graduation, but he's also still enjoying where he is.

"I do the best I can and I try to serve people the best I can," Spencer said. "I want to pass all my classes so I can move into my internship and graduate."

Police catch many students “watering” the Front Lawn

BY Renato Oliveira

GCSU Public Safety regularly has to deal with drunken students trying to negatively contribute to campus irrigation.

Roles of Public Safety usually includes handling crimes, traffic infractions, drugs and alcohol related subjects, patrolling and whatever is necessary to make sure that GCSU students and faculty are safe. In addition, Public Safety personnel very often have to deal with another, less glorious matter - individuals, almost always students, urinating on or around GCSU's campus.

"They just do it for no reason," GCSU Public Safety Officer Brian English said. "They do not care. I am not sure why. They are just drunk."

English said students have been caught urinating on bushes around campus every week. Men are not the only culprits; female students have been caught in the act as well.

"You would be surprised to know the things that we see on Thursday, Friday or

Saturday nights," English said.

Cindy Potts, Public Safety's administrative assistant, said at least 95 percent of the public urination cases involve students.

"There was a case of a student that urinated in a beer can and then poured it over one of our police officer's cars," Potts said. "That is just too much. They get intoxicated and then cannot think right."

Since there are no specific citations for urinating in public, students that are caught committing the crime around campus are charged with disorderly conduct, public drunk, or underage possession of alcohol if the individual is an intoxicated minor.

Potts said so far this term, from Aug. 16 to Sept. 20, four out of the seven cases of disorderly conduct involved individuals urinating around campus. Also, three out of the four cases of public drunk and three out of the 20 cases of underage possession of alcohol involve human urination on the streets or bushes.

Gina Peavy, executive assistant to the vice president for Student Affairs, said students who commit such infractions must face the Student Judicial Board.

"Students arrested for public drunkenness will have to take the course Alcohol Education, pay a \$25 fine on campus in addition to the larger fines with the Milledgeville Police Department," Peavy said. "Sometimes they have to do community services or pay a more expansive fine, depending on the case."

Most students are aware of this problem. Sophomore business management major Juan Bialek cannot understand why these individuals cannot make it to a restroom.

"They just cannot think properly, as they are under the influence most of the time," Bialek said. "Instead of going to the restroom at home or at the bar, which is a simple procedure to do, they end up acting irresponsibly and doing it anywhere. Certainly these people are not contributing to our campus irrigation."

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- Highland Avenue
- Carrington Circle
- Pritchard Dr.
- Elbert St?-Camden St.
- Linda Dr.
- All areas between North Jefferson and Hwy 441
- Sussex Dr.
- Mayfair Ct.
- Magnolia Avenue
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- Log Cabin Rd?-Pickens Rd.
- Glynn St.
- Oakwood Dr.
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- 3) Email your council members and tell them how you feel!**
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OPINION

THE COLONNADE'S FORUM FOR PUBLIC DEBATE

OUR VOICE

As campaigns kick into full gear, students must self educate on issues

A little over a month from now, Americans all over the nation will once again exercise one of the most important privileges of being a citizen: the right to vote.

During the Presidential Elections of 2004, 47 percent of voters were between the ages of 18-24. This is significantly higher than the voting turnout in 2000, which was about 36 percent, according to the National Census Bureau.

While the rise of voting turnout among people our age is certainly encouraging, the numbers speak for themselves. More than half the people in this age group did not vote.

Maybe you don't know your issues, maybe you don't know your candidates, maybe you don't really understand the party you are endorsing or maybe you just don't care.

You should care because your vote counts.

Now would be the time to start figuring out which candidates support the ideals in which you

believe.

College students are among the most vocal and influential groups that can help bring awareness to the public. College students are more visible, and more likely to participate in rallies and demonstrations. Most importantly, many students do not seem to realize what kind of power the college-aged demographic has at its disposal.

It is a widespread presumption that many college students are passionate about the political issues that they care about.

However, many college students are also misinformed and apathetic when it comes to political views.

Their political views are widely shaped by the influences of their friends and family, without requiring any personal understanding of the issues. More often than not, they later find out that they have been affiliated with parties and groups with whom they don't entirely

agree.

Being a republican does not automatically make you a Bush-loving, immigrant hating religious nut. Being a democrat does not mean that you are an anti-American, Clinton-loving, flaming liberal that supports infanticide.

Forget that your family has long endorsed the Republican or the Democratic Party. Do your own research. If you don't know exactly what conservatism and/or liberalism means, then you probably aren't sure about the platforms of your party. Being informed protects you from sounding naive. Heck, it only makes you sound smart and educated.

This is most crucial because it seems that students knew more about Paris Hilton's DUI arrest than they did about the politicians running for their congressional district and the gubernatorial seat.

Many students are barely aware of the congressional district in which they live, and many also

do not know who will be running against Sonny Perdue this November. Some do not know who Sonny Perdue is. Some just became aware two sentences ago that there will be an election this November.

That is just sad.

The Presidential Election of 2004 had the largest voting turnout since 18-21-year-olds were first allowed to vote in 1972. Voting used to be a right of passage. And while voting isn't as exciting as some other rights of passage, it is most definitely something in which everyone should participate. If you haven't registered to vote, you should. It will take five minutes of your time. Make your voice count.

And for those of you still scratching your heads, Mark Taylor is running against Sonny Perdue. And this Sonny Perdue character? He's the current governor.

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Oil and ideology lead to a 'war' in name only



BY **Joe Weissman**
Columnist

Are we at war?

After all, the toppling of Saddam's regime was over very quickly. Afterwards, the re-invasion of Iraq was no longer a conflict between nations or even well-defined factions.

This "war" is ideological, a war against an abstract noun. So abstract, in fact, this "war" serves as justification for whatever this administration chooses to do.

One idiosyncrasy of the War on Terror is that it is only the administration that is allowed to know, at any given time, with whom we are at war.

This situation in Iraq is clearly no longer a war in the normal sense, but a failed attempt by the military to engineer a democratic revolution. Considering this, with whom are we at war?

We have been misled by talk of the "insurgency." We tend to forget that most of the violence in Iraq is not even directed towards the U.S. Army! Indeed, most of the deaths in Iraq are results of Iraqis murdering one another. So I'll ask again: Are we at war?

The conflict in Iraq, as in most of the Middle East, is an ethnic and religious conflict: Jews vs. Muslims, Sunni vs. Shiite, and so on. But with Bush's re-invasion, the conflict is also an economic one. First world vs. third world. Rich vs. poor.

The oil-hungry Western nations versus the impoverished citizens of Saddam's Iraq. These same people are just desperate enough to take up arms against the evil in the world, those whom they perceive to be the source of the difficulty and impoverishment of their existence. The reason for the futility of their loftier dreams.

The paradigm shift in the structure of the global economic situation often inevitably leads such individuals to see the United States as the source of the hell their lives have become, the reason things are so bad where they are.

Almost needless to say, this war has only intensified the hatred directed against us. This hatred, this finger-pointing, this obsession with absolutes, is a betrayal of fear and desperation. So, we must be careful if we are not to fall into this appealing trap as well.

Like our president's use of the word "evil," radical Muslim clerics often rhetorically identify the U.S. as "the Great Satan"—and Israel, "the Little Satan"—which is really a symptom of their and our own powerlessness and resentment.

Extremist ideologies must provide an enemy, and it's so much better when the enemy is an idea and can never die. This

way, the struggle will be eternal.

The fundamentalist's jihad is a spiritual emblem of individual resistance against the absolute power of the Western transnational corporations in the late capitalist global market. On the other hand, for Lockheed-Martin and Halliburton, the war is not nearly as life-threatening, but equally as serious. For the wealthy, war is a business, the secular religion of our modern society. Whereas their fundamentalism justifies their individual jihads against "Satan," our fundamentalism justifies our corporate crusade for profit.

It's naïve to think the war in Iraq has made us safer or has done anything but provide a front line for an ideological war. Thus, it senselessly fuels the already blazing fires of class and religious war on every side of the whole conflict with the Middle East.

Ultimately, much of the current conflict in the Middle East is structured by the encroachment of globalization into these ancient ethnic feuds. In fact, the Iraq war can be seen as the prime example of this new style of what is essentially the ancient practice of profiteering; also known as imperial imposition of Western economic power into the Middle East.

The conflict with Iraq is a clear example of the futility of squandering our young people's lives by getting mixed up in conflicts that didn't involve us, but which we claimed as ours.

But why?
What could be the real motivation behind launching a re-invasion of Iraq?

The answer is two-fold: oil and ideology. Greed and hatred are what started the conflict in the Middle East in the first place. Money and hegemony are why we're mixed up in this "war" which is not a war.

Rationally, we know the solution to these conflicts is not going to be military invasion, but the subtle art of negotiation. The fighting can't stop until there are peace talks, which can't begin until we quit speaking and fighting over absolutes.

But abstract pacifism is just as idiotic as fundamentalism, and just as unethical. Of course, we have to stand up to threats, but we must resist the urge to use our power irrationally, vengefully or wastefully. We have to find this perfect line and never waver: We must actively promote peace, as well as assess threats logically.

We must have the courage to admit we made a mistake with Iraq. We should have the balls to admit we screwed up, squandering the lives of our brothers and sisters for such paltry, hateful ends. Let's listen to what the rest of the world has been telling us. Let's find the courage to listen to our own consciences. Let's bring our troops home.

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Across Georgia, politicians attack students' personal freedoms



BY **Will Thompson**
Columnist

As many of you know, I attend city council meetings on a regular basis. I feel it is my responsibility as an active member in this community to attend these meetings, as well as participate in the decision-making process in this city. And, I must say, as I began to attend these meetings last year, I was quite lone-some. But, as the weeks have turned into months, I have seen a change in this student body.

What started off as one

person coming along with me eventually turned into two. Then that two turned into four, and like a snowball tumbling down a hill, the numbers continued to grow.

Last night, I counted a total of eighteen concerned students in attendance of the meeting. I can personally say, the change in attitude towards student participation in the decision making process of this city is looking more and more promising everyday. Especially when, after the city council meeting, a large group of students entered into a debate with one of the council members about the new ordinance that limits the amount of unrelated students that reside in one house.

I can honestly tell you, I was proud.

But, as one of the individuals who was discussing the issue with the council member asked a question, my pride quickly got

upset by a slight feeling of anxiety. I have no problem telling you that the question asked, as well as the answer, rattled my belief in the American system a little. The question was one that any worried student might ask at a time like this. It was, "Is it even legal or right for a government to be able to tell you how you can live in your own house?" The council member reflected a little, and then answered with a simple "Well they can."

To put it bluntly, he was right.

In the current era of local politics, a government can tell you how you can live in your own house, even if you own the property. This has shown to be true all over Georgia, from the neighborhoods of Athens to the coast of St. Simons'. Over and over, Georgians have seen ordinances put into place that state almost the exact thing that the one currently being discussed

in Milledgeville says.

People have been told how they can park their cars, all the way up to how many refrigerators they can have in their house. This has proven, time and time again, to be at least quasi-legal, if only at a local level.

Personally, this bothers me. As a moderate citizen, I appreciate my privacy, as well as my rights. I grew up being taught that I have the right to own my property and to do whatever I need to, within the legal boundaries, to pursue my personal happiness. If my happiness stems from living with four friends and going to school full-time, then so be it. The concept that people have been granted the right to alter the legal boundaries of communities to fit their personal wants bothers me a little. Just as I hope it bothers the students here at GCSU.

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Bush shows his 'manliness' with Iraq War



by **Chris Pitts**
Columnist

This past weekend, I received the privilege of meeting one of the manliest men to grace the face of this earth. His name is George Ouzounian, but he is more well known by his pen name, Maddox.

Maddox is an internet celebrity, maintaining and writing for his Web site in which he humorously adds a manly perspective to current events. He has even recently published a book, titled "The Alphabet of Manliness," that centers around manliness and what

it is. It was this meeting with him that got me to ponder the position of manliness in our society today and what shape this manliness takes.

Maddox characterizes manliness by the things men enjoy and by what we do. As a result, the book focuses around fart jokes, senseless violence, the aesthetics of women and male supremacy, albeit with a male tone.

However, it is important to note that most satires are often the result of real points the author wants to get across. In essence, Maddox regards manliness as being in charge of all situations, while enjoying the life of being a man and respecting your fellow man. Yet while he puts this crudely, some have put this more academically.

Harvey Mansfield is a professor of government at Harvard. He has recently published a book also about manliness, appropriately titled, "Manliness." In this book, he proposes that

manliness is confidence in the face of risk. He even suggests that women can possess this manliness as well and points to Margaret Thatcher, former Prime Minister of Britain, as an example. I would also positulate that women such as Condoleezza Rice and Joan of Arc can as well be added to this list.

Now while his view is expressed more academically and monotonously, there is a resounding similarity between his view and that of Maddox's. That view is of confidence in face of all things. To be manly is to be able to take charge, or to be confident during the situation at hand.

But where is manliness now? In fact, manliness has become ridiculed in recent years. Today, qualities like consensus, dialogue, and appeasement have overshadowed confidence. George Bush is ridiculed for standing firm in his view on the War on Terror, despite its unpopularity. On the other hand,

Bill Clinton was praised for appeasing North Korea when it threatened to create nuclear weapons. This overshadowing of confidence and steadfastness is known as the feminization of society.

Now understand, this is not to say that consensus and dialogue are poor qualities. They are however, inferior to confidence. That is why I advocate for a resurgence of manliness as one of our ideals over consensus and appeasement. Men are not the only ones who can take on these ideas. As noted before, women can, too. Times will always come when consensus cannot be taken and dialogue will no longer work, and the only option available is to stand firmly in your views and have confidence that the best ending will come about as a result.

That is manliness.

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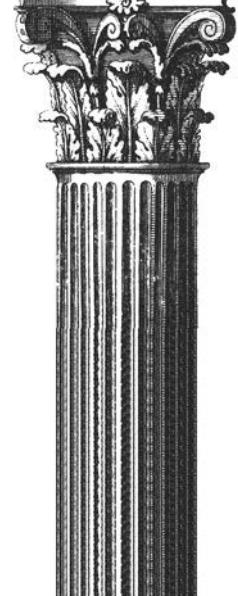
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YOUR VOICE

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Students should call shots

Dear Editor,

I would like to commend the efforts of The Colonnade to bring the issue of historic district zoning to the readers. I am not a frequent reader, but an article by Will Thompson, entitled "Students' actions speak louder than words," about how quick students are to complain about what is going on at college, was very well thought out.

The first misconception is that our college is so worse than every other one. The thing that students do not get is that we have it pretty good. We complain about parking shortages and the fact that we have to drive. We do not even consider the fact that students at the University of Georgia have to leave an hour before class to get there on time. The UGA students don't even attempt to drive. It is pointless for them, and they live with it. Trust me, I couldn't live with it, and that is why I

don't and one reason I decided to come to GCSU.

So now, considering the fact that we might not have it as bad, some things are quite ridiculous here. Did you know that no building in the historic district of Milledgeville can be higher in elevation than the Courthouse? That is why we will never have a parking deck where it is most suitable, which is the parking lot next to the testing center. If the city were to build another level on top of it, it would be higher than the Courthouse, which is just ridiculous right? But I live right across the street from campus, so I do not pay too much attention to this problem. I am 22, so I also do not care an awful lot about the drinking laws.

The article that I read brought two things to my attention. The first was that I was in danger of being kicked out of my beloved house. The city wants it to be illegal to have three or more persons living in a house in the historic district that are unrelated. The second thing I realized by reading this article is that I am like everyone else. Students do not care about anything unless it directly affects them. And if it does not affect enough students, they tend to let whomever get away with it.

We are all guilty of laziness. We want things to get done, but do not want to do them, or to do them by ourselves. There has to be a first for everything and I say why not Milledgeville? Why can't Milledgeville students be the first students to take their city back? We make this town what it is. We bring in just as much, if not exponentially more, profit than the tourism in this town. The students could be calling the shots, but it is each and every one of our responsibility to care enough.

Sincerely,
Ryan Burkhardt
History Senior

Responsibility and age are not mutually exclusive

Dear Editor,

In regards to the remarks of the president of the ARF about a student's inability to adopt a pet because of their "erratic" lifestyle, this is just not the case. It is true that some college students should not take on the responsibility due to financial strain, especially at this point in their life. Believe it or not, everyone in college and in my age group is not irresponsible.

We have needs and wants for animal compan-

ionship just as much as those who have reached the age of 21. It is possible for someone under the age of 21 to actually be more responsible than someone of that age. Everyone, no matter what age, is capable of taking care of an animal. Everyone has the emotion of love, which is the primary need of a pet. I'm tired of the older generation making remarks on my generation's irresponsibility.

Since I am an extreme animal lover, I refuse to

accept a remark about how I cannot handle the responsibility.

Perhaps it would benefit this organization to explore some of the lives students on this campus lead. I would not be so quick to judge my age group in a college newspaper that is mostly read by young adults.

Sincerely,
Jenn Parrish
Biology major/pre-vet
Sophomore

Shuttle system only important for a selective few students

Dear Editor,

I think that the shuttle system at GCSU definitely has its strong points and is a great service offered to the students, especially those living in Bobcat Village and students who park their cars at the Irwin Street Parking Lot.

However, sometimes I feel like it is faster for me to walk with my big bags from Wal-Mart from Irwin

Street to the dorms. I think the shuttle system just hasn't quite gotten all the kinks out of its system. For instance, there will be no shuttle for ten or fifteen minutes, and then there will be three all sitting there at the same time. Also, those who work late, or park their car late after going out, have to either wait a long time at night in the dark, or walk back really late. This is not the safest thing for us

to be doing, especially female students. I have taken the shuttle only a few times when it was incredibly hot or raining, but for the most part, I feel like it is just faster for me to walk wherever it is I need to go.

Sincerely,
Kelsey Hillard
Early Childhood Education
Freshman

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- major
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The Bobcat Beat

"How do you feel about the proposed changes to graduation?"



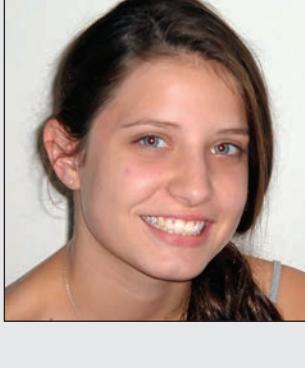
"I think they're bull. It's ridiculous to make someone wait seven months to be able to participate in a graduation ceremony."

Kelly Sessions
Junior
English



"I think it is legitimate. You should have to actually graduate in order to participate in the graduation ceremony."

Elizabeth Harvey
Sophomore
Management



"I think more people should know what the changes are."

Rebecca Ezell
Freshman
Biology



"What changes?"

Ryan Hersh
Junior
Marketing

Beat Reported by Sean Gamble and Jennifer Fordham

THE LITTER BOX

ColonnadeVent - Instant Message

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Group papers make me want to retch my pancreas into a bag.

What happened to the days of giving a two-week notice or agreeing to stay at your job until a replacement could be found for your position? Be sure to list "selfish," and "immature," on all future resumes.

Ok... why, why, why? WHY? WHY? WHY do we have to throw (the disk) across the pathways on Front Campus? Is it too difficult to move 10 feet over and play on that huge patch of grass? Instead, we all have to watch our heads, as you still throw it as we walk by. It's even worse that you people don't even know how to throw or catch. Stop. Its not cool, and neither are you.

SWM, 19, seeking SWF 18-21, non-smoker/drinker. The Colonnade needs a classified section.

I'm putting the Alumni Office on notice. When I graduate in May, I am not giving a DIME to this school until you lower the funding for iPod initiatives and look into a football team or boosting the athletic department here. They deserve the very best. I'm not saying athletics are more important than academics, but let's get back to the fundamentals.

To the jerk who decided it would be funny to leave profanity on the sidewalk beside GSA's Bisexual Pride Day messages: Get a life. It's been hard enough for us to gain acceptance among the general population of this school. We don't need you trying to make us look bad in front of everyone on campus. What's your problem? Scared of the truth?

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Friday, September 29

- 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Art Exhibit: Researched- Michael Marks, The Museum at GCSU on 221 N. Clarke St.
 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. John Culver's Exhibition Traveling Through Time, Trying to Find Paradise, Blackbridge Hall
 12 p.m. Fiction Reading: Renne Dodd, A&S Auditorium
 3 p.m. CETL: Teaching Tips, 115 Beeson Hall
 8 p.m. CAB: The Da Vinci Code, Magnolia Ballroom
 8 p.m. Psychopathia Sexualis, Russell Auditorium

Saturday, September 30

- 8 p.m. Psychopathia Sexualis, Russell Auditorium

Sunday, October 1

- 2 p.m. Psychopathia Sexualis, Russell Auditorium

Monday, October 2

- 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Art Exhibit: Researched- Michael Marks, The Museum at GCSU on 221 N. Clarke St.
 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. John Culver's Exhibition Traveling Through Time, Trying to Find Paradise, Blackbridge Hall
 4 p.m. S.O.A.R. Meeting, MSU Lounge
 5:15 p.m. City Council Meeting: Agenda- Downtown Zoning & Planning, Town Hall (Downtown, Milledgeville)
 7 p.m. AS ONE: Unity Prayer Gathering

Tuesday, October 3

- 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Art Exhibit: Researched- Michael Marks, The Museum at GCSU on 221 N. Clarke St.
 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. John Culver's Exhibition Traveling Through Time, Trying to Find Paradise, Blackbridge Hall
 2 p.m. Welcome Back Kim Martin, A&S Auditorium
 7 p.m. AS ONE: Worship Gathering/ As One Purpose

Wednesday, October 4

- 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Art Exhibit: Researched- Michael Marks, The Museum at GCSU on 221 N. Clarke St.
 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. John Culver's Exhibition Traveling Through Time, Trying to Find Paradise, Blackbridge Hall
 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Town & Gown Arts Series: "Tibet: Magical Land of Spiritual Wonders, Marlor Arts Center
 12 p.m. Laser Tag, sponsored by CAB, Front Campus
 1:45 - 4:15 p.m. Cultural Competency: A Key to Health Promotion and Community Building, 2-38 Centennial Center
 5 p.m. SIFE Meeting, Atkinson Hall 208
 6 p.m. A.N.G.E.L.S., Blackbird Coffee Shop
 6 p.m. Movie Premiere of Cban Hip Hop All Stars, A&S Auditorium
 7 p.m. AS ONE: Worship Gathering/ Unity Message
 8:30 p.m. International Club Meeting, A&S 2-72

Thursday, October 5

- 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Art Exhibit: Researched- Michael Marks, The Museum at GCSU on 221 N. Clarke St.
 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. John Culver's Exhibition Traveling Through Time, Trying to Find Paradise, Blackbridge Hall
 7 p.m. Breaking Down the Barriers: Voices of Recovery, A&S Auditorium
 7 - 9 p.m. Multicultural Video Art, Museum Education Room

Public Safety Report

Car abandoned in chase, hits house

On Sept. 19, 2006, at 11:34 p.m., Officer English saw a vehicle with an expired tag. He initiated a traffic stop, but the driver refused to stop. The driver eventually abandoned the vehicle, and escaped on foot. The vehicle then rolled into a house at Doles Boulevard. The driver of the vehicle was identified, but has not been located. The vehicle was towed by Old Capitol Wreckers.

Cocaine found on cop car assailant

On Sept. 22, 2006, at 12:41 a.m., Officer Williams saw a male in Bass Alley hitting the windows of parked police patrol vehicles. Contact was made with the man, who had bloodshot eyes, and had the smell of alcohol on his person. He tested positive on the Alco-sensor. While searching the man prior to the arrest, Officer Williams found a small baggie of suspected cocaine, as well as a scale that also was covered with suspect cocaine. The substance tested positive as cocaine in a roadside test. The man was arrested and transported to Baldwin County Sheriff's Office and charged with underage possession of alcohol and possession of cocaine. The cocaine and the scales were placed into evidence.

Bartender caught serving to underage patron

On Sept. 22, 2006, at 1:17 a.m., Lt. Grant was working with the department of revenue, when he observed a bartender serve alcohol to a seventeen year old and an undercover officer. Shortly after the sale, Lt. Grant issued a citation to the bartender for underage sale of alcohol.

Suspect found with marijuana

On Sept. 24, 2006, at about 12:36 a.m., Officer Antwine made contact with some

suspicious subjects outside Parkhurst Hall. Officer Gaines arrived on the scene and made contact with one of the individuals, who said he was not a student. While speaking with this person, Officer Gaines smelled alcohol on his person, and noticed that he had slurred speech. The man was unable to comply to the officers commands, and was not able to keep his hands out of his pockets. Fearing for his safety, Officer Gaines checked the man's pockets and found a baggie of suspected marijuana. The man was arrested and transported to the Milledgeville Police Department and charged with possession of marijuana and underage possession of alcohol. He was trespass from all GCSU property.

Vehicle statistics as of 9/25/06

Total registered vehicles – 3530
 Students – 3111
 Employees – 419
 Citations issued for this week – 128
 Employees – 4
 Students – 118
 Other – 6
 Expired permits accounted for 14 of the citations during the week of Sept. 19 through Sept. 25.

Information compiled by Lee Sandow, with statistics provided by Greg Brown, Manager of the Department of Parking and Transportation

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Come out to the Peeler Complex at West Campus this Friday, Sept. 29, at 7 p.m. for GCSU Women's Soccer against North Alabama. Tickets for a free hot dog or hamburger will be offered to the first 50 fans with valid GCSU student IDs. These tickets will also be entered in a drawing for \$5 and \$10 Applebee's gift certificates. Food will be served at half time and winners for the Applebee's gift certificate drawing will also be announced at half time.

City Hall commissioner meeting to hear students opinions of new city ordinance

On Oct. 2, at 5:15 p.m., City Hall will be holding a meeting for the commis-

sioner. At this meeting, students and other community members will be allowed to voice their opinions about the new city ordinance that may limit student housing in the downtown area. Visit www.millyvegas.com or for visit the Facebook group "Isn't it Ironic?" for more information.

The Environmental Science Club is hosting a campus waste audit on Front Campus on Wednesday, Oct. 4, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The audit will examine campus waste to determine the amount of recyclable content discarded by the university.

Mass Comm Mixer

The Mass Communic-

ation Program is holding their annual Mass Comm. Mixer Tuesday, Oct. 3, at Terrell Hall from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Bobcat Media Productions, WGUR and The Colonnade will all be represented at the event. Free food and drinks will be served.

Mass comm. majors, pre-mass comm. majors, and students seriously interested in joining the Mass Comm. Program are invited to attend.

As One brings unified Christian faith to campus

As One hosts a three-part event series the first week of October to promote unification and peace among GCSU Christians.

As One will occur Monday, Oct. 2, through Wednesday, Oct. 4, in the Magnolia Ballroom of the Student Activity Center.

The program begins each night at 7 p.m.

As One is an event that occurs in the fall and spring to emphasize unification of the ideas, ministries, and the people of Jesus Christ. Gotrich believes the goal of

As One has shifted from unification of the campus ministries to unification of the people seeking Christ. He said As One's leadership committee, which consists of leaders from different campus ministries, has worked to provide the music, message, and appropriate setting for this to occur.

As One is now a Recognized Student Organization on campus and is funded by donations from the community and local churches. As One is also working on grants from Wal-Mart and the Salvation Army to raise funds for the future As One events.



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Photo by Jennifer Fordham

Freshman Christopher Hercules contemplates the artwork in Michael Marks' exhibit "ReSearched" in The Museum in the library.

Media gets 'ReSearched'

BY Jessica Murphy

Scattered across the front room of The Museum in the library are seven large-scale mixed media paintings, bright canvases covered with computer parts, a clock, celebrities, a rotating paintbrush and so much more.

Courtney Downs, a junior English major, was amazed with what she saw.

"Is that who I think it is?" Downs said to a friend about one of the paintings. "My goodness, that really is Tom Cruise and Oprah in that painting. That is awesome."

The exhibit is simply titled "ReSearched." Onlookers will find more than just Tom Cruise in the paintings; there are plenty of images that deal with the media placed on every canvas.

Senior business major Kate McWilliams found the exhibit to be representative of the world around us.

"If you think about it, the media is what surrounds our lives," McWilliams said. "Everyday we are somehow affected by something that involves the media and these paintings do an excellent job of representing our world today."

The artist is Michael

Marks, a senior art major at GCSU. In his artist statement, Marks said he is interested in questioning our preconceptions about what a painting should be and its role in today's world. He is interested in the idea of creating pictures from things that already exist, not to show something new, but to examine more closely what was already there.

Lindsey Carroll, a sophomore psychology major, found the exhibit to be different from others she has seen.

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of the paintings that you really have to put thought into. This is the first exhibit I have seen where you have a mixture."

Stephanie Raines, curatorial assistant for The Museum at GCSU, was the curator for the "ReSearched" exhibit.

"The exhibit has been very successful so far," Raines said. "The opening had over 75 people in attendance and there has been a steady flow of people coming in to see the exhibit since then."

Artists from all over Georgia have had the

local artist on display.

"The Museum was looking for something different," Raines said. "Marks is the first artist locally to have his work displayed at the museum. What is even better is the fact that he is a student from GCSU."

There is also a Podcast that goes along with the "ReSearched" exhibit. Students and faculty can download the Podcast to help get a better idea of what "ReSearched" is all about.

"The Podcast is basically a commercial," Raines said. "It has pictures, information about where the museum is located and Michael Marks even talks for a minute about the exhibit."

Siobhan Alvarez, a senior rhetoric/psychology major, found the exhibit through the Podcast.

"I came across the "ReSearched" Podcast, and through that, I was intrigued to go to the exhibit," Alvarez said. "I think the Podcast was a good idea because it gives people a preview before they actually go see the exhibit."

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opportunity to display their artwork in The Museum but there had yet to be a

Film explores alternative views of immigration

BY Brian Farrell

GCSU is celebrating National Hispanic Heritage Month with several multicultural events, the most recent of which was a showing of the film, "Al Otro Lado" in the Arts & Sciences Auditorium. "Al Otro Lado," or "The Other Side", is a documentary on immigration shown from the viewpoints of songwriters, Mexican natives and I.N.S. rangers.

"We're trying to use this opportunity to present a different perspective outside of the stereotypes we see in the media," IDST instructor Javier Francisco said. "People often look at immigrants as invaders, but there are so many issues, like drugs and corrupt policies, that we often fail to consider."

The movie focuses on Mexican culture, specifically in the poverty-stricken Sinaloa region. Songs called "corridos" tell the stories and history of the people, idolizing Mexican drug runners and bragging about eluding American authorities. Artists such as Chalino Sanchez and Los Tigres del Norte focus on the struggle of the poor Mexican man with folk style songs reminiscent of a Latino Waylon Jennings.

The film also centers on the dangers immigrants face when they attempt to cross the border. People smugglers known as "coyotes" charge prospective immigrants thousands of dollars to get them into the U.S. and often just drop them off in the desert near the border where they must wander for miles without food and water. Terrace Park Cemetery in Holtville, Ariz., contains the bodies

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Emo gains ground among mainstream audiences

BY Brian Farrell

Thick black glasses, girl's belts, tight shirts, flamboyant hair; this is how Mark Gallegos, guitar teacher at Guitar Town in Milledgeville, describes emo, the latest trend in music and fashion among young people.

"It's simply the product of an angry generation whose parents made them eat spinach," Gallegos said.

Chances are good you may have seen someone who fits this description, most likely smoking cigarettes outside your neighborhood coffee shop.

Although it may sound funny, "emo" is quickly becoming one of the most popular forms of music due to Internet message boards such as MySpace, Facebook and Xanga. Of the 66 different genres of music listed on MySpace.com, emo and hardcore combine to form the fourth largest fan base behind rock, hip-hop and rap.

Pop music and the American Idols seem to have fizzled down to number 12 on the list, perhaps marking a significant

of some 500 unidentified immigrants who met a sad fate while searching for a better life.

"Living in the U.S. you forget just how bad they have it over there," Jessica Bean, a junior business major, said. "The movie is very raw and eye-opening, I really think it should be mandatory."

Other students were moved by the film, too.

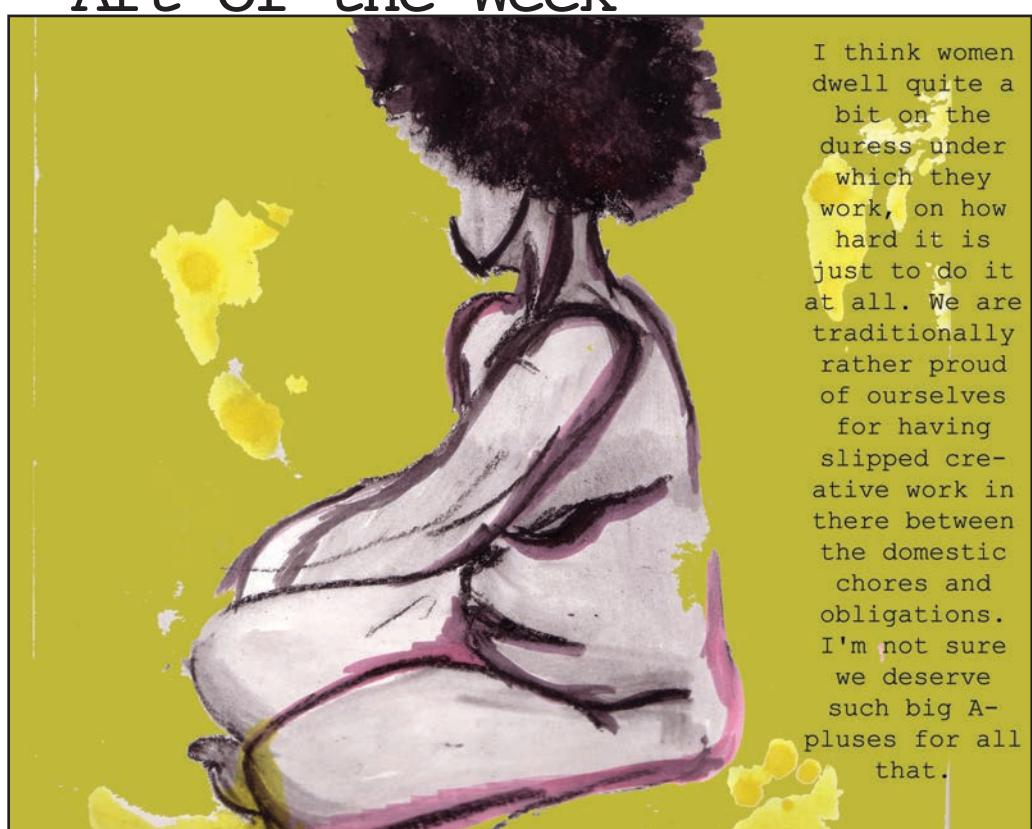
"It certainly changed my point of view," Melissa Coker, a freshman business major said. "I used to think immigrants had no right to come here, but now I realize they're just trying to make it like everyone else."

Despite the good intentions of most illegal immigrants, there is a lot of controversy surrounding immigration. Federal authorities recently discovered a record-breaking 187 pounds of crystal meth and over 90 pounds of cocaine in a home in Buford that was run by a Mexican drug ring. Tax-paying small business owners are increasingly finding themselves unable to compete with the cheap labor provided by non-resident aliens.

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Art of the Week



"Untitled" by
Senior art history major
Katie Harmon

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GCSU. "Unfortunately, our media controls our culture, which in turn reflects the short attention span of today's listeners."

In all fairness to emo-rockers, it is necessary to point out that punk rock has never been focused around musical virtuosity, but instead around the message contained in the lyrics. Emo lyrics tend to dwell around mostly harmless subjects, but some of the more popular bands, such

as Saves the Day, My Chemical Romance and Dashboard Confessional, seem to focus primarily around elements of sadness such as depression, angst, self-mutilation, drug use and suicide. Many – if not the majority – of the fan postings on Xanga focus on these elements as well.

"I think it's done mostly for shock value to freak out people over 30," said Mary Jane Phillips, director of counseling services at GCSU. "However, I'd be really concerned if this was indeed their state of mind."

Phillips said she has seen a recent increase in anti-social behaviors among

teens such as "cutting," a form of self-mutilation, but urges parents not to prevent their kids from listening to this music in order to avoid the "forbidden fruit" appeal. Instead, parents should find out from their children what is appealing to them about the music.

"As long as the child can maintain good grades, have friends and be active in sports and extracurricular activities, I don't think there is anything to worry about," Phillips said. "People in the 1920s thought the Charleston was shocking."

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"ReSearched" has drawn some good attention around campus," Raines said. "I have personally been very pleased with the response from students and faculty."

Courtney Downs enjoyed "ReSearched" so much that she came back a second time and brought along some of her friends.

"This exhibit is incredible. Not only are these paintings amazing, but his artwork literally flows off the canvas," Downs said. "These pieces are interesting and every time I look at them I see something that I hadn't seen before."

"ReSearched" has been on display since Sept. 5 and continues through Oct. 12.

Students raise their voices in Artistic Sounds of Praise**BY Jamie Flemming**

A new choir will be raising their voices at GCSU. Artistic Sounds of Praise is a choir with members singing both traditional and contemporary gospel music.

The Choir is directed by Willie Culones, who created the group as a high school student.

"I've always been into gospel music since I was a kid," Culones said. "I started it in 10th grade, and I kind of kept it going from there. Just seeing what other folks and other choirs do well kind of influenced me."

When Culones started the choir all of the members were high school students.

"It had always been high school students, but this past year (we included) college students," he said.

Students from GCSU who

are members of the choir include sophomores Roderick Sylvester, a middle grades education major, and Karla White, a chem-

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istry and pre-pharmacy major, and freshman nursing major Marlon Washington. White joined ASOP last spring when she was recommended to Culones by Washington.

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Sylvester also became a member through Washington, who introduced him to Culones.

"Willie told me about how he was trying to start a

choir for the school and wanted to know if I was interested. Of course I said yes. I've really enjoyed it thus far," Sylvester said.

The choir has grown by word of mouth and by Culones' personal recruitment efforts.

"Most of the people I have now heard about me from somewhere and they come up to me," Culones said. "I have no problem walking up to folks and just asking them."

ASOP will host a concert on Nov. 18 and will perform at several other events throughout the community.

The group performs in Baldwin County and the surrounding area. Past performances include the Rites of Passage program at GCSU last Spring.

White said she enjoys being a member of ASOP and believes that it has benefited her.

"I really enjoy being a

part of a group that is professional and talented. I'm learning lots of new techniques and my sound has improved since I've been a part of ASOP," White said.

Sylvester said he also enjoys being a part of ASOP, even though it is challenging at times.

"The people are all really cool and nice, and that's what I enjoy best about it," he said. "It's really hard sometimes when we are learning the material, but it makes things a little easier when you are surrounded by people with energetic and fun spirits."

Culones wants to help his members become better singers and his aim for the choir is success.

"My goal is to take this choir to the next level, and to teach the people that are in my choir what they don't already know," Culones said. "I just want to make it a successful thing."



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SPORTS

The Sports Guy

By Wes Brown



Sport Accomplishments

Freshman Lyric Burnett came off the bench to score three second-half goals in ten minutes to help the women's soccer team beat Lander University 5-0 on Sept. 14. Burnett's hat trick qualified as a natural hat trick, as she scored three goals off three consecutive shots. This milestone made me wonder where this achievement would rank among other great college sports achievements, such as a no-hitter in baseball.

To attain clarity on this situation, I asked around campus and received some dissenting opinions.

Brad Muller, assistant athletic director for public relations for GCSU Athletics, found the feat to be exciting but not as impressive as a no-hitter.

"The most uncommon thing would be a no-hitter in baseball," Muller said. "In the ten years I have worked here, I have only seen one no-hitter. That tells you how hard it is to get. A hat trick is significant but it ranks with a 30-point game by a GCSU basketball player. A hat trick was bound to happen. Many girls had two-point games prior to this. I would not be surprised if a couple of more players get a hat trick in the next three years."

Muller makes a good argument, but some students disagree, thinking that hat tricks are the cream of the crop.

"It is rare that a team even scores three goals as a team," Matt Smith, a junior creative writing major, said. "Three goals by an individual, especially in soccer, is almost impossible. You need to be really talented to get past 10 players and a goalkeeper."

Both parties bring up interesting points. After much deliberation, I decided that a no-hitter tops the list of sport accomplishments. A no-hitter takes the concentration and endurance of a nine-inning baseball game. A hat trick is more about being in the right place at the right time. The game on Sept. 14 almost had two hat tricks, as sophomore Hayley Ferrell was only one goal away from glory. Hat tricks do not seem as rare as a no-hitter.

Brazilians dominate as dynamic duo



Erick Siqueira (left) and Rodrigo Yamauti (right) practice their forehand and backhand swings at Tuesday's practice session in preparation for this weekend's ITA Regional Tournament in Wilson, N.C. The two grabbed the doubles championship in the "A" flight of GCSU's Men's Fall Championships for the second straight year.

Photos by Will Godfrey



Wilson, S.C., Sept. 29-Oct. 1.

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BY Renato Oliveira

Bobcat tennis players Erick Siqueira and Rodrigo Yamauti paired up to win the doubles flight of the GCSU Men's Fall Championships for the second straight year, held at the Centennial Center tennis courts Sept. 15-17.

Siqueira, a sophomore, and Yamauti, a senior, are the top two tennis players for the Bobcats. They showed what GCSU tennis is made of when, for the second year in a row, they were triumphant at this competition.

"We played against some good teams, including Shorter College and USC-Aiken," Siqueira said. "It

was a good start for us."

Besides striking Shorter College and USC-Aiken, the GCSU doubles team beat Augusta State University and Piedmont College.

According to Siqueira, they started the tournament a bit slow, barely beating the team from Augusta State University, formed by Arthur Figueiro and Sergi Mullor.

"As we won that first difficult match, we gained the confidence to keep on going," Siqueira said.

In the finals, the Bobcats had an 8-6 victory against the Pacers of USC-Aiken. Playing for USC-Aiken were Dagoberto Darezza and Edward Horne.

"The final was our hard-

est match, as we both were tired from the prior matches," Yamauti said.

GCSU Tennis Head Coach Steve Barsby is satisfied with his pupils, especially considering that this was the first tournament of the year.

"Rodrigo and Erick are still looking for game regularity," Barsby said. "On this first tournament, nobody was 100 percent physically or technically. They played good when they had to play good and that made the difference."

Barsby also said that he expects them to play stronger on the next and most difficult challenge of the Fall semester, the ITA Regional Tournament, which will be held in

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Lyric 'lassos' lady bobcats to the top

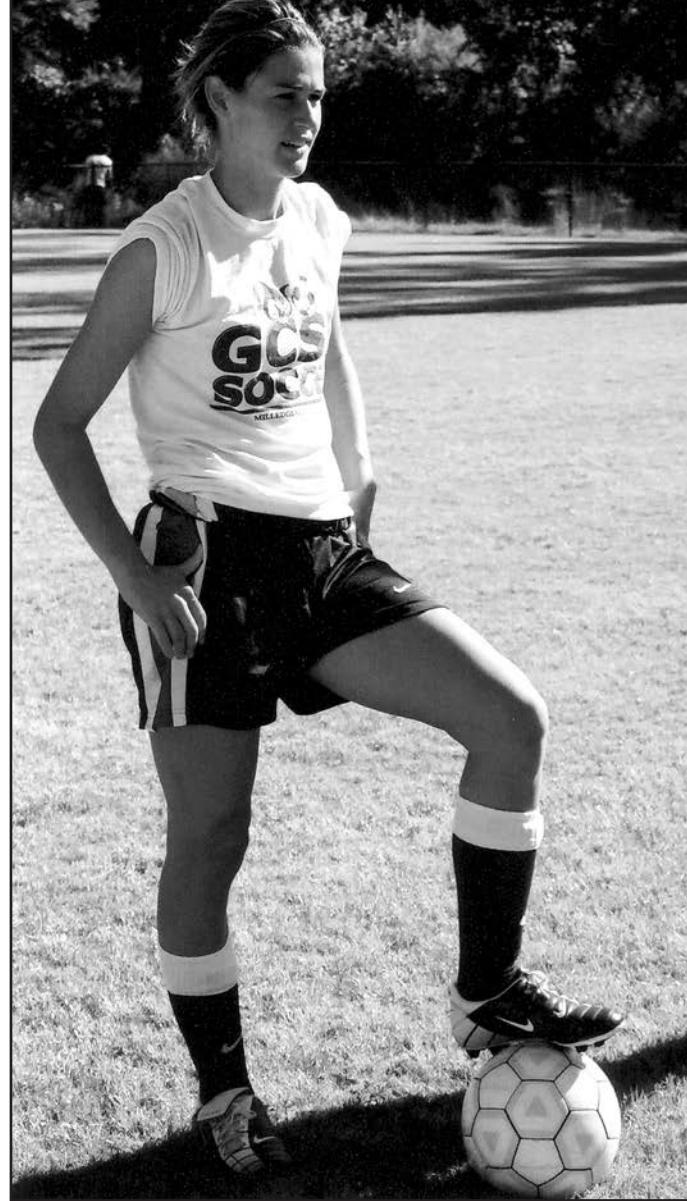


Photo by Ariana Youmans
Lyric Burnett leads the team in points (9). As a freshman, Burnett recorded the first-ever hat trick in school history against Lander on Sept. 14.

BY Wes Brown

This season freshman Lyric Burnett has turned on the afterburners, coming full force to lead the women's soccer team in points scored. Burnett leads the team with nine points. This includes a hat trick against Lander on Sept. 14.

Burnett began playing soccer at age eight, mainly as a way to have fun and waste energy. Little did she know, this simple activity would turn into a passion 10 years later.

She soared into GCSU out of high school, earning All-County honors at Chapel Hill High School in Douglasville, along with the team's Best Offensive Player Award and the Coaches Award. From her experiences in high school, Burnett has retained many skills that have helped her succeed.

"In high school, I learned ways to feed it to the open forward and set them up for the shot at the goal," Burnett said.

Burnett has adjusted well to the changes between high school soccer and college, but identifies the pace of the game as her biggest obstacle.

"The pace of play is a lot more intense in college," Burnett said. "It is double the speed of high school ball."

"The truth about my first

name is that my mom's brother dated a girl named Lyric and my mom liked the name and decided to use it on me," Burnett said. "The story I tell everyone is that my parents are musicians."

Another fascinating detail about Burnett is her signature goal celebration. After each goal, she waves her finger in the air as if she is making a lasso.

"Coach told us that we need to do something to celebrate after we score a goal," Burnett said. "When I scored my first goal, the lasso was the first thing that popped into my head and it kind of stuck."

Her teammates love the celebration and find it amusing.

"When she scores it is hilarious," Ferrell said. "The whole team gets up and pretends to be calves that Lyric is lassoing in. She lassos us in."

Parr also loves seeing the lasso routine.

"I really like seeing a player who takes the game to heart," Parr said. "I told the team to celebrate after each goal they score. A goal is hard to score and should be celebrated. Lyric, more than anyone, has embraced this. The team wants to see her score so we can celebrate with her."

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Cross Country:

Sat. @Mercer Invitational
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Women's Soccer:

Fri. 7 p.m. North Alabama
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Wed. 7 p.m. @ Clayton State*

Tennis:

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STAT of the WEEK

178

The number of people in attendance at the women's soccer game against Columbus State University last Wednesday.

Volleyball club off to a good start, looking for more members



Photo by Brittany Thomas
Brad Whayne watches his teammates Mandy Morris (left) and Molly Hanada (right) practice blocking spikes during Wednesday's GCSU Volleyball Club practice in the Centennial Center.

BY Katie Huston

GCSU's Volleyball Club is underway and looking for dedicated members to help bring about a successful season.

The club began in Spring of 2005 under advisor Dr. Robert Viau. With roughly 10 members total, this team is out to win and gain a little appreciation along the way.

"If people saw (volleyball) as less of a girl sport, it would be appreciated more," said team member Jennifer Irish, a sophomore who played four years in high school.

Interest for a men's team has surfaced at GCSU, but currently one does not exist. Junior Leigh Griffith helps organize a lot of what goes on with the women's team.

"There's not a lot of men's teams. There's interest in men's volleyball at Georgia College, there's just no team. That would boast interest for women," Griffith said.

Irish described the team as pretty laid back.

Rachel Brochstein, a sophomore on the team, feels that more attention should be paid to the club.

"Maybe if we had a bigger fan base, or maybe some attention from the school that would help," Brochstein said. "Since no one knows about us, (a fan base) is what's important."

Brochstein hopes the team can get some fund-raisers going. The club is a registered student organiza-

tion, so is allocated a certain amount of money from the school.

Despite this money, and income from membership dues, the club remains low on funds.

The team took a Spring trip to Clemson University last year where they were 1-11.

"The teams were very good and cohesive. For us to play with them was really a good experience," Griffith said.

On the court, the team remains in constant contact with each other and stays vocal.

"If you can't communicate, the team will fall apart. You have to be able to communicate to build relationships," Irish said.

Hopes of increased membership bring about new goals for the team.

"My goal for the team is for us to learn how to play together with confidence in each other," Griffith said.

She also hopes the team can attend at least three tournaments this school year.

The team is looking for girls with experience, but is open to those without.

"Because we are a competitive team, we want people with experience, but also those who enjoy volleyball and would be committed to playing," Griffith said.

At practices, the players work on skills they believe need improving and simulate match play.

"We usually work on fundamentals like passing, setting, spiking and attack-

ing," Irish said.

She adds that volleyball is good for helping people de-stress.

"If you had a stressful day, (volleyball) is a good way to relieve stress. It's especially fun to spike," Irish said.

Those interested should be ready to work.

"It's not purely skill. You have to know how to play with every girl on the team. It's not just rallying," Griffith said.

"Volleyball is like a split-second decision you make every time, every play. When you are passing the ball, if the set is high, if the hit is low; it's always split-second."

As with most sports, strategy remains key. For all the plays that do exist, sometimes it simply comes down to the rotation.

"You have a complicated rotation," Griffith said. "You try to work rotations to use every player's strengths and hide the weaknesses. You can have a great team when you do that."

The tentative schedule for the Volleyball Club has two potential tournaments. The first is Nov. 4 at Georgia Southern University, followed up by a tournament at the University of Georgia on Dec. 2.

Girls interested in playing for the Volleyball Club may contact Griffith at leigh_griffith@ecats.gesu.edu, or check out the Facebook group, GC&SU Volleyball Team.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Cronvall Finishes One-Under Par to Lead GCSU Golf

Johan Cronvall finished one under par, and the GCSU golf team shot a season low of 287 in Tuesday's final round of the Coker College Invitational in Orlando. The Bobcats finished 11th out of 18 teams. GCSU shot a decent 299 on Monday to finish with a two-day 586. Valdosta State University won the tournament, shooting rounds of 282 and 290 to win with a two-day 572, holding off second-place Florida Southern by one stroke. Cronvall, a senior from Beddingestrand, Sweden, tied for 14th overall after shooting rounds of 73 and 70 for a one-under par 143. Teammate Niclas Szeiger also rounded out the top 20, tying for 19th place, with rounds of 74 and 71 for a one-over par 145.

Bobcat Runners Survive Minnesota terrain

The GCSU Men's Cross Country Team braved a soggy, rain-soaked course and finished 42nd out of 52 teams at the prestigious Roy Griak Invitational, hosted by the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis on Saturday. GCSU finished with 1,188 points in the 8K "maroon" race, which was made up of NCAA Division II and Division III teams. Concordia University won the event with 46 points. Michael Hague was GCSU's top finisher in 145th place with a time of 28 minutes, nine seconds, while Richard Dobson was 224th with a time of 29 minutes, four seconds.

Bobcat Soccer fall in a close game to No. 22 Columbus State

Gina Goforth scored her ninth goal of the season midway through the first half, and No. 22 Columbus State University held off a pesky GCSU squad 1-0 Wednesday night in Peach Belt Conference women's soccer action at Bobcat Field. Columbus State (10-1, 6-0 PBC) won its eighth straight match while recording its ninth shutout of the season. GCSU (3-3-2, 1-2-2 PBC) dropped its second straight 1-0 decision. GCSU's three game home stand continues Friday at 7 p.m. with a non-conference match against the University of North Alabama.

Swim Cats win Bobcat Invitational, lose indoor pool

The Swim Cats hosted the second annual Bobcat Invitational Sept. 23. The girls placed first beating Georgia Tech, University of Florida, Emory University and Mercer University. The boys finished second to Georgia Tech. Overall, GCSU placed second, falling short to Georgia Tech. It was the only meet the team will host this year due to the closing of the indoor pool. The team will practice at the outdoor pool at the Centennial Center until a new location is determined.

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